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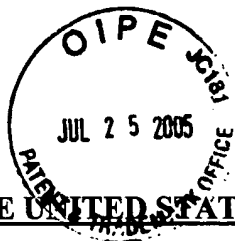
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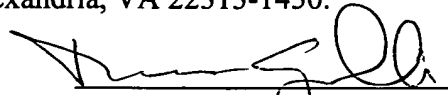
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-210389, published July 29, 2003, together with an English-Language Abstract.

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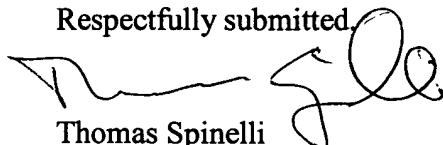

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The reference was cited in an Office Action dated May 23, 2005 received from the European Patent Office. A copy of the European Office Action and the reference cited therein is enclosed. The relevance of the reference is described in the Office Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits an Official Action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the Office Action issued in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the Office Action, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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